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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on March 8, 2001, Serial Number 98/802,114. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-captioned case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

The search engine 140 can be configured as one or more clusters of symmetric multi-processors (P) 142, for example, Compaq Computer Corporation ALPHA processors, memories (M) 144, disk storage devices 146, and network interfaces 148 are connected to each other by high speed communications buses 143. Although, the ALPHA processors 142 are 64 bit RISC